

# FOCAL POINT

## Arts and Frisco!

You thought I took a break from talking about 'the Arts' in Frisco. Well, I did for a bit, but that's only because we have so many people working to ensure our city stays focused on making Frisco a premier art community. Since my space is limited in this article, I won't write about Hall Office Park's Texas sculpture garden, the largest of its kind, or the hero-sized, bronze steers at Frisco's Central Park. I won't write about the outdoor art at Frisco Bridges, either. There's not enough space to write about all the public art in our city-owned parks, buildings and facilities now that Frisco's public art collection includes more than 50 pieces. Actually, I would like to write about one of the city's public art displays. Have you been to City Hall lately?



MAYOR'S  
MESSAGE  
**MAYOR  
MAHER MASO**

If you have not, you may be surprised at what you will find out front. At first, I considered not telling you – so you could discover it on your own; however, I just can't contain myself and have to share our latest 'art' news. After all, any time I'm at City Hall, I only need to look out the window to see children either staring at it or actually touching the latest additions to Frisco's Public Art Collection.

"Fetching Water", by Janice Hart Melito, depicts a young woman at the pump, drawing water for an evening meal during the early 1900s. "The Three Muses of Frisco: Water, Agriculture and Railroading", by Michael Pavlovsky, features three abstract sculptural figures, cast in bronze and topped by a vessel, recalling the phenomena essential to the growth and prosperity of Frisco: water, agriculture and railroading. "Frisco's First", by David Alan Clark, represents a jubilant farmer celebrating the arrival of the railroad to Frisco.

I did say that I didn't have enough room in this article to talk about all the art in Frisco. But, I can't mention art without at least talking about the Arts of Collin County project. The joint Frisco, Allen and Plano project is well on its way to raising all the needed funds. If you recall, the Arts of Collin County project is a 124-acre park situated near S.H. 121 and Custer Road. Since it is a complex project, I will only touch on the current status of fundraising.

Former Frisco Mayor Mike Simpson is the executive director of the project and he has done wonders with raising private dollars for the proj-

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## Frisco's Public art collection grows by three; brings collection total to more than 50

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Being a time traveler is easy in Frisco. Some say it's an art. Time machines aren't required – but imagination is, as you explore three new additions to the City of Frisco's public art collection, now standing at more than 50 pieces.

The George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, which houses City Hall and the Frisco Public Library, serves as the backdrop for the three, life size sculptures, which have a new home in Simpson Plaza, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. All three of the artworks depict life in Frisco during the early 1900s. One of the three pieces is an abstract collection challenging observers to consider Frisco's past, present and future.

"Our public art program is essential in helping create our community's identity and setting Frisco apart from other communities," said Mayor Maher Maso. "It reflects our past and considers our future, while growing an appreciation for art among all generations. It teaches, inspires and beautifies, which indirectly can have an economic benefit by making Frisco more attractive to residents, visitors and businesses alike. Public art is a valuable investment."

The city's Public Art Board (PAB) first selected the three artworks in 2005 and commissioned the pieces in 2006. The price for all three pieces totaled \$289,400. The three sculptures were originally intended for display along the east side of Preston Road; however, earlier this year, the PAB revised its proposal and recommended to the Frisco City Council the artworks be moved to Simpson Plaza, where people have greater access to the art. Installation began the end of July and finished August 7.

"All three artists designed and crafted their pieces using the theme 'Frisco's First 100 Years,'" said Richard Oldham, Public Art Manager. "One of the goals of the Public Art Board is to create unique destinations within a community. The installation of these pieces in front of City Hall does just that. We want people to be able to see the art up close, where they can actually touch it and read about it."

The board's 'change of art' is working. On any given day, you may find passersby pausing to learn more about the artists and the inspiration of the art-



"Frisco's First", by David Alan Clark, depicts a farmer riding Frisco's first train engine into town and is based on a photo by Mattie McCormack, who captured the approach of the town's first train on March 20, 1902. The life-sized six foot tall figure is made of bronze while the 12' tall engine is crafted from sheet metal. According to Clark, the jubilant farmer is waving his hat, knowing that prosperous days are ahead.

works – or children posing next to the sculptures gracing the plaza turned outdoor art gallery, of sorts.

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"The Three Muses of Frisco: Water, Agriculture, and Railroading", by Michael Pavlovsky, consists of three abstract forms cast in bronze, oxidized turquoise green, standing 10 to 11 feet tall and bearing wide, circular vessels representing water, agriculture and a locomotive wheel. According to Pavlovsky, these vessels reflect the city's heritage with an eye to its present and future.



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# New school zones, cell phone law in motion for Frisco drivers

School is back in session August 24 for Frisco ISD, Lewisville ISD and Prosper ISD. This year Frisco ISD has three new campuses opening. Drivers will need to slow down and watch for new school zones at the Early Childhood School, Allen Elementary and Heritage High School.

Not only do drivers have to watch their speed, beginning September 1, they also have to watch the way they communicate. Frisco police will be enforcing a state law that bans drivers from talking or texting on hand-held cell phones in active school zones.

Those ticketed face up to a \$200 fine. There is one exception. Drivers who use

hands-free devices can continue to talk in school zones.

The law also bans school bus drivers from talking or texting on handheld devices any time a passenger 17 or younger is on board.

Circulation maps for Allen Elementary and the Early Childhood School are available online. As well as information about changes to the circulation map for Griffin Elementary traffic. Go to the home page of FriscoTexas.gov and click on the "Move Along" link.

The following is more detailed information about the new school zones in Frisco ISD:

- The Early Childhood School is opening next to Christie Elementary School, located at 10330 Red Cedar Ln. The location is several blocks southwest of Main Street and Hillcrest Road. The Early Childhood School will share the same school zones as Christie Elementary.

- Allen Elementary School is located at 5800 Legacy Dr., south of Academy Dr., next to the Cheyenne Crossing neighborhood. The 20 mph school zone will be in effect on Legacy Drive in front of the school and on Academy Drive. A new traffic signal will also be operational during school zone times to assist the outbound traffic from the school.

The light will flash yellow for Legacy Drive at all other times of the day.

- Heritage High School is opening on Eldorado Parkway west of Independence Parkway. There is a new 20 mph school zone on Eldorado Parkway in front of the school. Eldorado Parkway was just recently widened in front of the school and now provides a continuous stretch of four-lane roadway from Custer Road to just west of Heritage High School. A new traffic signal is also operating at the intersection of Eldorado and Independence in order to ease traffic congestion in all four directions.

## MAYOR

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ect. Since December, Mike and his team have made more than 70 presentations to organizations, clubs, businesses, cities and individuals. During this time, the ACC project has raised \$1.7 million and continues to welcome donations of any dollar amount. The ACC project has also instituted an on-Line donation process at [www.artsofcollincounty.org](http://www.artsofcollincounty.org). New marketing materials have been created and the website is updated to include an annual report, power point presentation and an architect's rendering of the project. A contract has been awarded for the creation of a new virtual tour which will be placed on a DVD and on the Web site. The executive team is also continuing to meet with the architect and construction manager to work on reducing costs.

If you would like Mike to give your group or homeowners a presentation, just contact him at [msimpson@artsofcollincounty.org](mailto:msimpson@artsofcollincounty.org). You can also continue to check the web site for updates on the project.

I hope you will take a moment to admire the latest additions to our Public Art Collection – or rediscover the many art pieces throughout our community. You can view our city's collection online by going to [www.friscotexas.gov/projectsPrograms/public-art](http://www.friscotexas.gov/projectsPrograms/public-art). I also appreciate your continued support of the Arts of Collin County project. I truly believe art can absolutely set our community apart from others, making it a unique destination while improving our quality of life.

Regards,  
Mayor Maher Maso

## ART

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The PAB anticipated this public reaction, which is why the board's long term goal includes a proposed sculpture park near the intersection of Preston Road and Gary Burns Drive. Until then, people can admire the latest in the city's growing Public Art collection from the convenience of Simpson Plaza.

In 2002, the Frisco City Council passed an ordinance establishing Frisco's Public Art Program. Frisco's ordinance calls for a percentage of capital project funds to be used to commission public art. "Public Art is more than something nice to look at," said Oldham. "It makes a city more attractive to residents and visitors, which ultimately can foster economic vitality in a community."

"Fetching Water", by Janice Hart, is a seven foot tall, bronze sculpture depicting a young, pioneer woman drawing water for dinner. According to Hart, the piece honors the contributions and hard work done by women on the frontier, circa 1900 – 1920.



Looking for detailed information about a City of Frisco service or event? Check out [frisco-texas.gov](http://frisco-texas.gov), your complete guide to the city government. Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco news to your email address. To subscribe, go to the home page and click on 'E-News'.

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select live programming or city council meetings from the Video on Demand page. Live city council meetings air the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Network (FTVN) live, 24-hours a day -- including Frisco City Council meetings -- online. From the home page, click on the green 'Watch' icon on the right-side menu. You will automatically connect to the 'Video on Demand' page. You can also



# Two day a week outdoor watering ends September 30; Time of day restrictions continue through November 1

The City of Frisco reminds residents that mandatory provisions of the city's Water Management Plan continue through September 30. Outdoor watering is restricted to two days per week during the summer months and is based on residents' trash and recycling service schedule and an additional, designated day. A map detailing residents' additional watering day is available online at [FriscoTexas.gov/water](http://FriscoTexas.gov/water).

After September 30 and continuing until the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST) -- November 1, two-day-per-week

outdoor watering is recommended but not enforced.

Time of day restrictions continue through DST, November 1. Outdoor watering is prohibited between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. To read the complete contents of the City of Frisco Water Management Plan, go online to [FriscoTexas.gov/water](http://FriscoTexas.gov/water).

The City of Frisco's Waterwise program is also helping citizens take the guesswork out of watering the lawn. A new edition to the Water Efficiency homepage, [FriscoTexas.gov/water](http://FriscoTexas.gov/water), is a table listing

the weekly watering recommendations tailored for Frisco based on data from the city's weather station and four automatic rain gages located throughout the city.

The watering recommendations are given in quarter-inch increments. To help residents even further, there is a link to explain how to set your automatic irrigation system to deliver the recommended amount of water.

Outdoor watering by hand, soaker hoses and drip systems are allowed any day at any time.

## *Frisco Fire accepting applications for fall citizen training programs*

### **Citizen's Fire Academy Class No. 24**

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) Class No. 24 starting Thursday, September 17 through November 12. CFA classes provide the community with information about the operation and organization of the Frisco Fire Department. The academy is open to those over the age of 18 who live or work within the City of Frisco. CFA classes cover an array of captivating themes including fire ground operations, emergency medical services, arson investigation and fire safety education. In addition to the classroom lessons taught by Frisco Fire personnel, CFA participants will have many opportunities for hands on activities.

### **Community Emergency Response Team Class No. 16**

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class No. 16 which starts Monday, September 14 and runs through November 9. CERT classes train citizens to give critical support to first responders in emergencies and provide assistance in the event of a major disaster. The program is open to those persons over the age of 18 who either live or work within the City of Frisco. During classes, citizens study a

variety of disaster topics such as medical operations, severe weather, infection control, team organization, light search and rescue and many others. The program wraps up with a disaster scenario where team members must respond effectively using the skills they have learned in CERT classes.

### **How to Apply**

Applications are available for download at [www.friscofire.com](http://www.friscofire.com) or can be picked up at any Frisco fire station. The nine-week CERT program meets on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The nine-week CFA program meets on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. If interested, contact the Frisco Fire Department at (972) 292-6300.

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## **Back to class with City Hall 101**

Learning is a lifelong process, and the City of Frisco offers a great way to boost your knowledge about city government. City Hall 101 is a free program designed to give an insider's view of the way your city operates. The next City Hall 101 runs from September 14 through December 7.

Meet Mayor Maher Maso, city council members and city managers. Go behind the scenes of the Frisco Fire and Police Departments. Hear what it takes to build roads and plan for Frisco's future. These and many more topics are covered during the 11 week program which runs on Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The initial kick off session on September 14 will be held at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.; however, the locations of Monday night sessions will change to correspond with the department being discussed during that class.

City Hall 101 is open to citizens 18 and older. Class size is limited to 25 participants. First preference will be given to Frisco residents. Registration forms are available on the city's website, [www.friscotexas.gov](http://www.friscotexas.gov). From the home page click on the 'Project/Programs' tab and then select 'City Hall 101' from the drop-down menu.

SEPTEMBER 2009

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## **CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, City of Frisco administrative offices, Frisco Public Library, and Frisco Municipal Court will be closed on Monday, September 7.

Regular hours resume Tuesday, September 8.

There will be no trash or recycling services on Labor Day. Trash and recycling services for all Frisco residents will move to

one day later this week. Monday collection moves to Tuesday, etc.

For a complete list, including Labor Day hours for the Frisco Athletic Center, go to the home page of [FriscoTexas.gov](http://FriscoTexas.gov).



# Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to [www.frisco.texas.gov/projectupdate](http://www.frisco.texas.gov/projectupdate).

## 11 CR 712 (Frisco Street - North County Road)

Scope: Construction of four lanes from Frisco Street to RR Crossing and two lanes from RR Crossing to North County Road. Construction began July 2008. Roadway was opened to traffic on April 15, 2009. Project was completed in June 2009.

## 2 City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construct a five-story parking structure to accommodate roughly 578 cars. Design is expected to be finished in August 2009. Construction should begin in 2009.

## 3 Frisco Square Boulevard Railroad Crossing

Scope: Construction of Frisco Square Boulevard across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. Project includes relocating the Elm Street crossing to Frisco Square Boulevard with the RR signal and crossing gates. Construction began September 2008 and paving has been completed. BNSF Railroad crew completed the railroad crossing in late July. Project is expected to be completed in August 2009.

## 4 Eldorado Parkway (DNT - Preston Road) w/overpass

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the third lane on the south side. This will complete the ultimate six-lane divided roadway with median and includes an overpass at the BNSF Railroad. Bids were opened on March 26, 2009. Construction began June 1, 2009. Grading and sub grade moisture conditioning is currently underway. The estimated completion of construction is January 2011.

## 5 M 2934/Eldorado Parkway (DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. Construction began September 2008. Westbound lanes have been paved.

Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2010.

## 6 FM 3537/Main Street Improvements (Custer Road - Preston Road)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Design is approximately 60 percent complete. Design is estimated to be completed and bid in summer 2010. Anticipated construction time is 24 months.

## 7 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado Parkway) Middle Section

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median, including streetlights and traffic signals. TxDOT will bid this project in summer 2010. Construction is estimated to require 24 months to complete.

## 8 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Parkway - US 380) North Section

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. Depending upon right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation, construction is estimated to require 24 months to complete and should begin in early 2010.

## 9 Dogwood Street & Meadow Lane (Main Street - McKinney Street)

Scope: Reconstruct Meadow Lane and Dogwood Street with concrete surface and curb and gutter. Construction began January 5, 2009. Crews are constructing sidewalks and installing street lights. Completion of construction is fall 2009.

## 10 Rolater Road 42" Water Line (Coit Road - Preston Road)

Scope: Construct 42" steel water pipe line from Coit Road to Preston Road. Contractor working on completing punch list of final inspection. Contract is expected to be completed in late August.

## 11 Panther Creek Parkway (Teel - DNT)

Scope: Construct four-lane divided roadway including land-

scape, irrigation, and street lighting and extend four lanes of Legacy Drive to connect with Panther Creek Parkway. Contract was completed in June 2009.

## 12 FM 2478/Custer Road (Stonebridge - US 380)

Scope: Widen existing two-lane asphalt roadway to six-lane concrete divided roadway. Construction should begin in August 2009 depending on utility relocations. Construction time is 26 months.

## 13 Teel Parkway (Panther Creek Parkway - North of Little River)

Scope: Construct two northbound lanes to provide four lanes of roadway. Construction began in May 2008. Roadway is now open to traffic. Construction is estimated to be completed by late August 2009.

## 14 Stonebrook Parkway (DNT to Preston Road)

Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct westbound lanes to widen roadway to six lanes. Design is approximately 90 percent complete. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2009 and take 14 months to complete.

## 15 SH 289/Preston Road (Main Street - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway to replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway. TxDOT opened bids on October 2008. Estimated start of construction is August 2009 and will take 30 months to complete.

## 16 Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy Drive - Longhorn Trail)

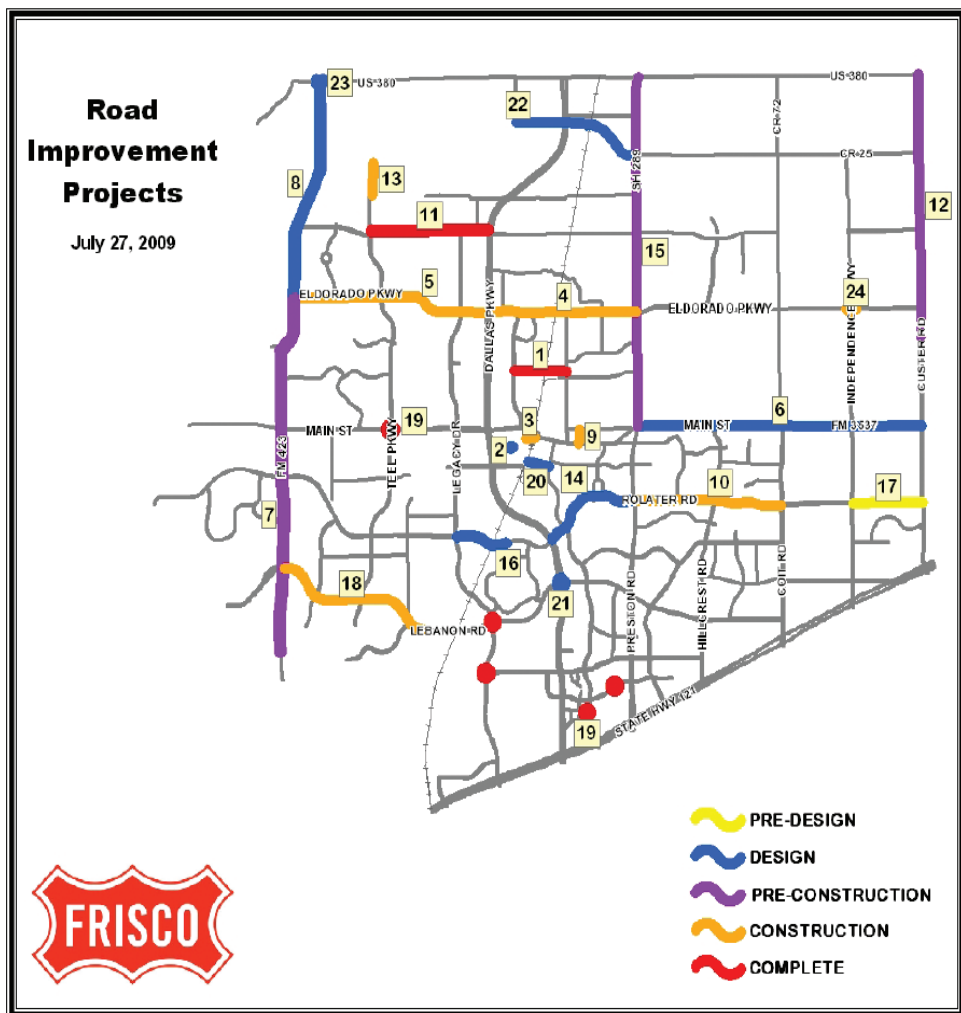
Scope: Construct four-lane roadway with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland, permits, and environmental coordination with Corps of Engineers. Design is 95 percent complete. Estimated start of construction is summer 2010.

## 17 Rolater Drive (Independence Parkway - Custer Road)

Scope: Construct two east bound lanes to provide four-lane roadway including bridge over Rowlett Creek. Design is expect-

## Road Improvement Projects

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ed to be complete in fall 2009. Construction expected to begin in late 2009 and will take 10 months to complete.

## 18 Lebanon Road - (FM 423 - Presidents Drive)

Scope: Construct the two eastbound lanes. Construction began in February 2008. All lanes are now open to traffic. Traffic signal work continues at Rock Creek Parkway.

## 19 Intersection Capacity Improvements

Scope: Construction of various intersections. Construction completed in May 2009.

## 20 Eubanks Street (Fifth Street - BNSF RR)

Scope: Reconstruct Eubanks Street with concrete pavement

and enclosed storm drainage. Design of project is 90 percent complete. Construction should begin in early 2010 and take six months to complete.

## 21 Lebanon Road & DNT Intersection Improvements

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the eastbound and westbound approaches to the Dallas North Tollway. Construction is expected to begin late 2009 and take seven months to complete.

## 22 Rockhill (Virginia Parkway) (CR26 - Preston Road)

Scope: Construct six-lane roadway including a bridge over BNSF

Railroad. Design is 50 percent complete and expected to be completed in early 2010.

## 23 NW Infrastructure

Scope: Analyze alternative alignments for water and sewer to serve properties near FM 423 and US 380. The project is on hold until development generates need for infrastructure.

## 24 Eldorado/Independence Parkway Intersection Improvements

Scope: Widen roadway from two to four lanes. Concrete paving was completed in July. Completion of construction is expected by August 2009 prior to the opening of Heritage High School.





# Patriotic Party! 2009 Mother Son Dance

## Saturday, October 3

Wakeland High School (10700 Legacy Dr.)

5:30 p.m. (ages 4 to 7) • 7:30 p.m. (ages 8 to 12)

Tickets: \$12 each



Come dance the night away at the 2009 Mother Son Dance as we pay tribute to the red, white and blue in our 'Salute to America.'

Tickets for this special evening go on sale Saturday, August 29 at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$12 per person and may be purchased online at FriscoFun.org or in person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln.

Dress to show off your American pride or wear your Sunday best as we let freedom ring around the dance floor. Two dance times are available. Dance times are 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. for ages four to seven and 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for ages eight to twelve. Tickets may be purchased for

either time; however, you must attend the dance time for which you purchase tickets. All tickets purchased online must be picked up at the Frisco Athletic Center by 10 p.m. on Friday, October 2.

The evening will include music, refreshments and lots of special memories for mothers and the special young men in their lives. Innovative Images will be onsite to commemorate the special night with professional portraits. Portrait packages are \$22 (cash or check only) and include two 5x7 prints and eight wallet-size photos.

For more information about this event, go online to FriscoFun.org or contact Kari FitzPatrick at KFitzpatrick@FriscoTexas.gov.



## Movie night makeover makes a **SPLASH!**

The Frisco Athletic Center's twist on the drive-in movie went swimming on July 24.

A sell-out crowd attended the FAC's first "Dive in Movie" night featuring the movie Madagascar II: Escape to Africa.

Dozens of families not only enjoyed a movie but also had their fill of popcorn and fun in the outdoor pool, lazy river and water slides.



## Fall Frisco Fun Guide available now!

Registration is now open for activities listed in the Fall Frisco Fun Guide. The guide is filled with information on classes, programs and leagues offered through the Parks & Recreation Department.



Get your kids back into the swing of school with classes that will stimulate their minds. A variety of tutoring classes is also available this fall.

Pick-up a copy at the following locations: the Frisco Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, Parks & Recreation Administration Building or the Frisco Athletic Center. The guide is also available online at FriscoFun.org.

Registration is available online, by mail or in-person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln.



# HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

## September 1

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

## September 8

- Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

## September 9

- Public Art Board, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, Conf Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.
- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund Board, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

## September 10

- Parks Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

## September 14

- Frisco Square MMD meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 3rd Floor conf room 3A, 4:30 p.m.

## September 15

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 5:30 p.m.

## September 16

- Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting (EDC), 6801 Gaylord Parkway, 6 p.m.

## September 17

- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen, 4 p.m.
- CDC Meeting---6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

## September 22

- Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 5:30 p.m.
- Heritage Assn of Frisco Meeting, 6455 Page, 7 p.m.

## September 23

- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.

## September 24

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie TX 4:00 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Programming Room, 6:45 p.m.

## September 28

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.

# Lone Star Storytelling Festival returns for weekend of family fun



Everyone loves a good story. Storytelling is as old as the origins of the spoken word. It survives today as anecdotes told around the kitchen table, ghost stories around a camp fire, in books and movies, and even urban legends on the Internet.

The City of Frisco's 6th Annual Lone Star Storytelling Festival elevates the art of the story with performances from some of the nation's best-loved professional storytellers. This year's event is set for October 9 and 10 at Simpson Plaza in Frisco Square. Tellers will delight audiences with hilarious chronicles of childhood misadventures, fables from ancient cultures, tall tales and rollicking anecdotes from everyday life.

This year's slate of talent includes awarding winning Appalachian teller Donald Davis who has appeared on ABC News Nightline and has been a guest host on National Public Radio. Also in the line-up are Parent's Choice Award winner Motoko who will perform a combination of mime and Japanese folktales, four-time Grammy

"Storytelling is an art form that transcends age, race and culture. It goes right to the heart of the human experience."

- Bobby Norfolk, Emmy award winning storyteller



Award winner David Holt, and "Champion Liar" Bil Lepp.

The festival begins on Friday evening, October 9 with "Favorite Stories" in city council chambers inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center (6101 Frisco Square Blvd.) On Saturday, festival goers will have the opportunity to stroll the plaza and attend performances including "Bedtime Stories" and tales performed by student storytellers trained by Frisco Public Library staff. Puppet shows and hands-on folk arts and crafts, including wheel pottery and stained glass mosaic stations, will be ongoing throughout the day. The festival culminates in the enormously popular "Laughing Night" which will take



place in front of the municipal building in Simpson Plaza under one of three festival event tents.

More details about the Festival may be found at [www.lonestarstories.org](http://www.lonestarstories.org). Beginning September 15, tickets may be purchased online at the festival website, by mail using the order form on the website and in festival brochures, or in person at Frisco Public Library's borrow and return desk. Tickets can also be purchased at the festival.

Proceeds from the Lone Star Storytelling Festival go to the Frisco Public Library Foundation benefiting Frisco Public Library services.

## Frisco Public Library offers new language learning opportunity

JOHN MCNAUGHTON

Frisco Public Library is pleased to offer a new online program called "Mango Languages," an interactive language learning tool available through our website, [friscolibrary.com](http://friscolibrary.com). Mango Languages focuses on practical conversation skills by submersing you in real-life situations that support a more natural approach to learning.

Mango offers courses in a dozen different languages (including ESL). The program is designed for people that are busy and on the go; you can start and stop lessons when you like and save at any point. All you need to get started is a

library card and a desire to learn something new.

In addition, the library has CDs, DVDs, dictionaries, and translation guides in a variety of languages to assist anyone considering learning a new language. The benefits of learning a new language are varied and range from personal fulfillment to securing a better career. Research shows that:

- Learning a new language will help you understand other cultures, and you will also learn more about your own in the process.

- In the workplace, language diversity can give businesses a better understanding of their customers, resulting in better

customer service and a more competitive business model.

- If you are looking for a job, learning a new language is a valuable asset to potential employers and can help you to land that important interview.

- On a personal level, language lessons can enhance your vacations to foreign lands or give you a new way to challenge yourself!

- There are even scientific studies that show that learning a new language can improve your brain functions.

For more information on the language learning opportunities at the Frisco Public Library, please call 972-292-5669 or visit [www.friscolibrary.com](http://www.friscolibrary.com).

## Student storytellers add talented, young voices to festival line up

The Lone Star Storytelling Festival provides an opportunity for the next generation to learn to appreciate and develop a talent for storytelling. This is exemplified in the student storytellers who will participate in this year's festival. Student tellers range in age from eight to 16 years.

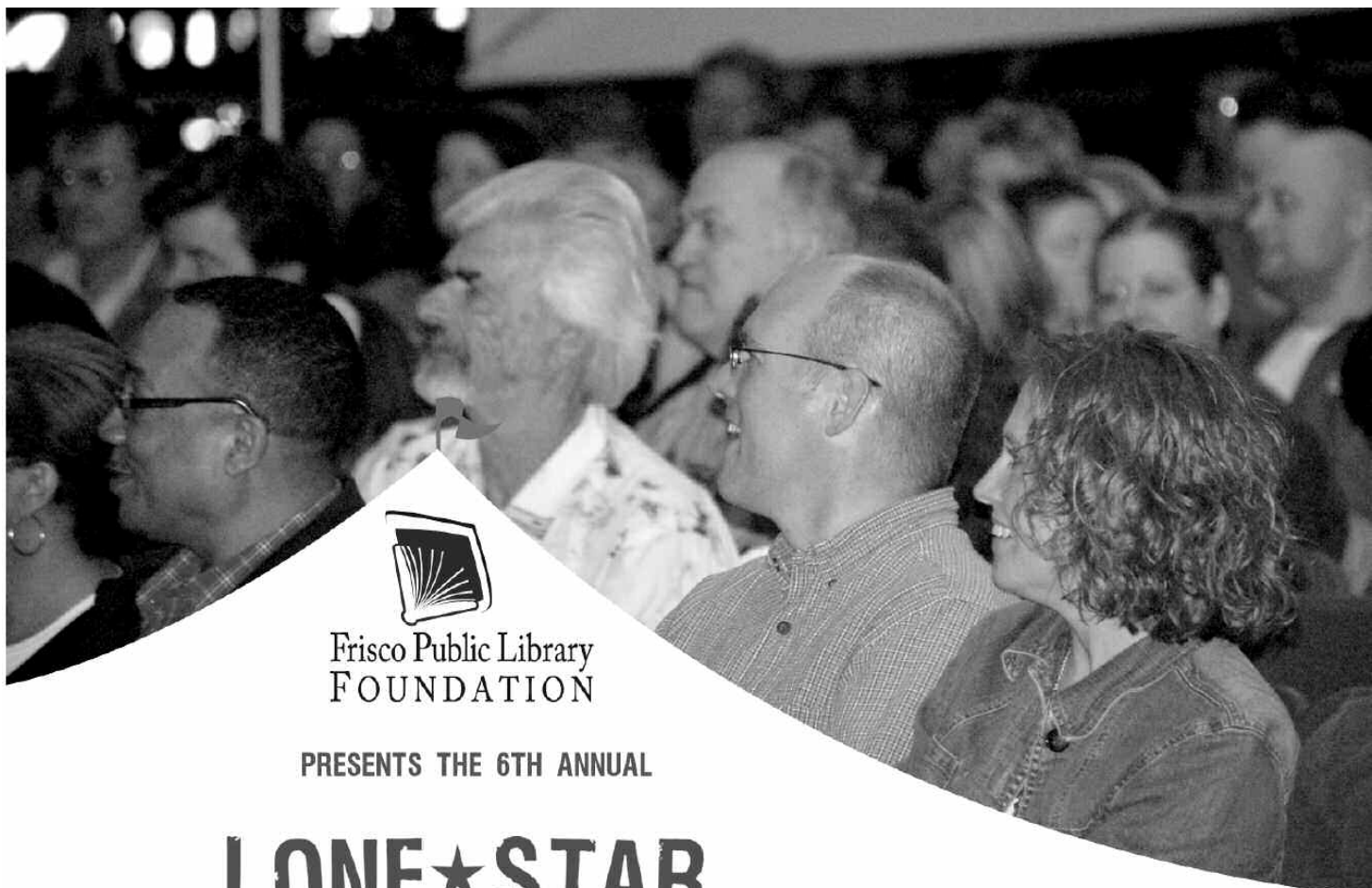
The biggest aspect that makes 2009 stand out from other years is the quality of auditions submitted. "We have some amazing talent this year," says Teresa Jones, a youth services library assistant and student teller coach.

For the first time student tellers will perform for Frisco ISD schools on October 9. This will be a great opportunity to share their talent with their peers. The student tellers will also be performing October 10, alongside professional storytellers from around the world.

Becoming a student teller at the Lone Star Storytelling Festival is not easy. These young performers must not only meet an application deadline and extensive submission requirements but also meet three main criteria in the audition: believability, movement and diction. "We choose quality over quantity," says Jones.

Jones and two other student teller coaches teach from experience. All have professional backgrounds varying in theater, film, television and storytelling. The students selected must attend a minimum of five, one-hour coaching sessions, as well as a mandatory orientation. At the orientation they are to pick a story which can range in emotion and style from humorous to dramatic. They also have one dress rehearsal which will take place in the City Council Chambers in front of peers, family and friends.

In addition to the festival student storytellers will perform in September at Wow! It's Wednesday!, in the Frisco Public Library's Children's Programming Room. The schedule for story times can be found online at [FriscoLibrary.com](http://FriscoLibrary.com).



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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
Tuesday, October 13 - Citywide

Register block parties online at: [www.friscotexas.gov/nno](http://www.friscotexas.gov/nno)



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*Plan a 'Night Out' against crime:  
Frisco's National Night Out  
celebration happens October 13*



For the 15th year Frisco will fight back against crime by participating in National Night Out (NNO). For a second year the event has moved from August to October in an effort to beat the Texas heat. Frisco police encourage all HOA and neighborhood groups to organize National Night Out parties for the evening of October 13.

With a surge in Frisco's population, National Night Out parties are an opportunity for new residents to meet their neighbors so

later they can recognize who may or may not be a stranger in their community

Police, firefighters, Mayor Maher Maso and other city officials will visit NNO block parties throughout Frisco. You must register your block party to make sure your community receives a visit.

Register online on the City of Frisco Web site: [www.friscotexas.gov/nno](http://www.friscotexas.gov/nno). At least one police officer or firefighter will visit every registered party.



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## Green Home, Health & Safety Fair

Saturday, September 26  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Frisco Athletic Center  
5828 Nancy Jane Lane  
*Neighborhoods Citywide*

Blood drive

Drought-tolerant landscaping

Energy and water conservation

ET Controller Rebate Program details

Fingerprinting

Police, Fire & military exhibits

Free health screenings

Driver's license renewals

Kid's play area

Adoptable pets

Kid's crafts

### Battle of the Badges blood drive

Come give the gift of life by donating blood. The Red Cross Mobile Blood Unit will be set up at the following locations Wednesday, September 23 through Saturday, September 26 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- **Sept. 23:** Central Fire Station, 8601 Gary Burns Dr.
- **Sept. 24:** Frisco Police Department, 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy.
- **Sept. 25:** George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.
- **Sept. 26:** Frisco Athletic Center, 5828 Nancy Jane Ln.

This blood drive comes with a little friendly competition. Be sure to say if you are donating on behalf of the Frisco Police Department or the Frisco Fire Department.

### Hometown heroes go head-to-head

Saturday night, October 10, Frisco police and Frisco firefighters will get competitive on the court for a good cause. The Good vs. Good basketball game gets underway at 7 p.m. at the Frisco High School Gym, located at 6401 Parkwood Dr.

Tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Proceeds from the event benefit Frisco Special Olympics.